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In re Patent Application of:)
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Application No.: To be Assigned) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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Title: METHODS FOR ANALYZING ANIMAL)
PRODUCTS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 4, after the Title of the Invention please insert This invention is a
continuation of PCT/GB98/01531 filed May 27, 1998---

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-13, 15-17, 19-23, 2, 28-29, 32-35, 37-41, 43-47.

Claim 4 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims 1-3] claim 1 wherein the breed determinant is an overt phenotypic trait that is a behavioural or morphological trait.

Claim 5 (Amended). The method of [claim 3 or] claim 4 wherein the overt phenotypic trait varies qualitatively or quantitatively between breeds.